



# LINCOLN TRAIL COLLEGE

# Network

SEPTEMBER 2015

## Upcoming Events in October

- 1 **Franklin University Visit**  
10-1, Williams Hall Foyer
  - 6 **No Classes - Faculty/Staff Professional Day**
  - 7 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
  - Process Technology Advisory Council**  
11-1, Lincoln Room
  - 12 **Columbus Day - College Closed**
  - 14 **FIND Your Career Day**  
  
**Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
  - 15 **Midterm**  
  
**CNA Exams (15-17)**
  - 16 **Brown Bag Lunch: Performing Arts**  
12 p.m., Cafeteria
  - TEAS**  
9 a.m., Williams Hall 108
  - 19 **Compass Testing**  
2 p.m., Williams Hall 118
  - 21 **Phi Theta Kappa Cookie Sales**  
11-1, Williams Hall Foyer
  - 22 **LTC Foundation Meeting**  
12 p.m., Lincoln Room
  - Crawford County Ghost Hunters**  
7 p.m., Library
  - 24 **Pearson VUE Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 117/118
  - ACT Test**  
7:30 a.m., Williams Hall 108
  - 29 **Trick or Treat at the Trail**  
4-7 p.m.
  - 30 **Compass Testing**  
8 a.m., Williams Hall 119
  - 31 **Student Senate Haunted House**  
5-11 p.m., Cafeteria
- Network is a joint project of  
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## LTC HIGHLIGHTED IN BIC MAGAZINE



As seen in BIC Magazine's September 2015 issue.

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Illinois community college adds petroleum drilling degree

It has been a hot-button issue for years now within the oil and gas industry. Employers have invested thousands of dollars into it while simultaneously feeling the strain of it. Replacing the oil and gas industry's aging workforce is one of its most challenging hurdles to date. But industry heavyweights are not tackling the

problem of how to replace experienced and highly skilled workers within the coming years alone. They have an ally in Lincoln Trail College (LTC).

Nestled within the small town of Robinson, Illinois, with a closer proximity to Indianapolis than Chicago, LTC is centered within a hotbed of petroleum industry activity. It recently added a petroleum drilling degree to help fill the workforce shortage gap within the industry.

"We're seeing people in this area retiring, and those jobs are opening up for new operators," stated Kathryn Harris, president of LTC, which has an enrollment of approximately 1,100 students. "We strive to make sure our programs are meeting the needs of our local industries. I had a conversation with someone in the drilling field, and he said they are having a hard time finding well-trained employees who are ready to go to work. I saw that as an opportunity, and we started developing the program."

The program, which is in its infancy, offers students the chance to earn an associate degree in applied science with the subject being petroleum drilling technology. When students enroll in the program, they'll be prepared for jobs in the planning, development and operation of oil and natural gas extraction and processing facilities.

"The petroleum industry is very big in southeastern Illinois, and we work hard to make sure our graduates are prepared when they enter the workforce," asserted Harris, whose community college is part of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges network. "We noticed growth in the petroleum drilling field. We're also preparing for the future of horizontal drilling in southeastern Illinois. Even though there's been some slowdown in the (cont. pg 2)

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(...continued from page 1) market, we still believe the jobs are there for well-trained operators, both locally and nationally.”

A key way Harris and the school’s administrators ensure the jobs are there is they closely align the programs with the industry’s needs.

“When we develop any of our career and technical programs, it’s vital for us to work with local industries,” said Harris. “We want to make sure our students learn the skills they need to succeed in the workforce no matter what program they choose. We have been in talks with local industry leaders in the petroleum and drilling fields to make sure our curriculum lines up with their expectations.”

And line up it does. The petroleum drilling technology program’s curriculum consists of 19 credit hours of required general education coupled with 44 credit hours of required career and technical education coursework that prepares enrollees to directly enter the workforce. Students will also be evaluated with a final capstone project related to planning, developing and operating an extraction facility, as well as a portfolio review by the program’s faculty.

The program is also already indirectly and directly correlated with the industry. The college has partnerships with some industry heavy hitters, which have provided LTC’s past students with internships and jobs. This opens doors for its new degree’s enrollees. Moreover, this petroleum drilling degree shares similarities with LTC’s process technology degree, which was developed by working closely with companies like Marathon Petroleum and Lincolnland Agri-Energy LLC.

“When our students start in the drilling program, their classes will overlap with the process technology classes,” explained Harris. “We’ve also included other classes already in our curriculum from the chemistry, physics and manufacturing fields.”

For more information, visit [www.iecc.edu/ltc](http://www.iecc.edu/ltc) or call (618) 544-8657.



## LTC PLANNING OPEN HOUSE FOR GREEN & WHITE WEEKEND

Lincoln Trail College will give people a chance to see the campus during an open house at Green and White Weekend.

“We know that some of our alumni haven’t had a chance to visit Lincoln Trail College for a long time,” says LTC President Kathryn Harris. “We want to give them a chance to see what’s new at the school. At the same time, we’d like to invite the community to come out and see what’s happening at LTC.”

The open house will run from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25. The programs at the college will showcase the hands-on educations their students receive. People will also get a chance to tour the campus.

“We’re really looking forward to seeing our alumni return to campus during Green and White Weekend,” says Harris. “This will be a fun time to come back and share memories and make some new memories. While you’re here, we’d love to have you enjoy lunch at our cafeteria and pick up some new apparel at the bookstore to represent LTC.”

Green and White Weekend is Lincoln Trail College’s new alumni weekend. In addition to the campus tours, Lincoln Trail College’s Athletic Department will host a golf outing on Sept. 25 at Quail Creek Country Club. The Gatlin Brothers will perform Sept. 26 as a part of the LTC Foundation’s Concert Series. Green and White Weekend wraps up on Sept. 27 when the Lincoln Trail College baseball teams plays Lewis and Clark at Busch Stadium. The LTC Alumni Association is sponsoring a fan bus for the game.

“We really want to put a focus on our alumni this year,” says Harris. “We’ve started a new website for alumni where they can find out about upcoming events and share their information so we can keep in touch with them. If you’ve ever taken a class at LTC, we would really encourage you to fill out the form.”

The LTC Alumni website is location at [iecc.edu/lcalumni](http://iecc.edu/lcalumni).

## LTC PLACING EMPHASIS ON CAMPUS SAFETY

Lincoln Trail College is strengthening its safety plans in two ways this fall.



The college installed a new emergency alert system over the summer. The alert system will allow the college to broadcast emergency alert messages throughout its buildings and around campus. The system also allows the college to broadcast the messages to only specific buildings or areas.

LTC faculty and staff are undergoing ALICE Training. ALICE is enhanced lockdown training and gives people different options in the event of a violent situation. LTC Coordinator of Marketing and Public Information Chris Forde attended an ALICE Training Seminar with Robinson Police Officer Chad Weaver. The two are working with faculty and staff to implement the five principles of ALICE: alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate.



*LTC employees practice barricading a door during ALICE training. Barricading doors is one way ALICE works to keep intruders out of rooms.*

“The safety of our students and our faculty and staff is paramount,” says LTC President Kathy Harris. “We hope we’ll never have to use any of this beyond just training, but it is very important for us to be prepared. We can’t just sit back and say it won’t happen to us because we live in a small community.”

Other areas of the college are also working on safety. A Campus Emergency Response Team meets regularly and participates in its own drills so it can be prepared. Rooms were also spot checked over the summer to make sure they had easy to find quick reference guides for the campus emergency plan. Faculty and staff have also been reminded where they can find the full plan. Administration has been working with local law enforcement to make sure that emergency plan is up to date and aligns with how emergency responders would handle an incident on campus.

“Preparation is the key,” says Harris. “That’s why we’re putting such an emphasis on training and preparation. We want to make sure that our faculty and staff are ready in the event something were to happen on campus.”



*Officer Chad Weaver plays a gunman trying to enter a classroom during ALICE training.*

### What is ALICE?

**ALERT:** Initial alert may be gunshot, PA announcement, etc. Avoid code words.

**LOCKDOWN:** If evacuation is not a safe option, barricade entry points. Prepare to evacuate or counter if needed.

**INFORM:** Communicate real time information on shooter location. Use clear and direct language using any communication possible.

**COUNTER:** As a last resort, distract the shooter’s ability to shoot accurately. Move toward exits while making noise, throwing objects or swarming the shooter.

**EVACUATE:** Run from danger when safe to do so using non-traditional exits if necessary. Rallying points should be predetermined.

*ALICE is not designed to be sequential. Evaluate the situation and act accordingly.*

*Always call 911 when it is safe to do so.*

## CRITES & RUTH JOIN LTC FACULTY



Brad Crites of Solsberry, Ind. is joining Lincoln Trail College as a Physical Science Instructor.

Crites already has some experience at LTC. For the past year, he's served as an adjunct Chemistry instructor. He's also worked as an instructor at Ivy Tech Community College in Bloomington, Ind. In addition to that, Crites worked as an associate instructor and laboratory assistant at Indiana University. He served as a program assistant for the Center for Science Education and a chemistry lab and instructional assistant at Indiana State University. Crites' other professional experience includes working as a technical trainer for Appriss in Martinsville, Ind.

Crites earned a Bachelor's Degree in Science Education from Indiana State University in 2003 and a Master's Degree in Educational and Organizational Leadership from ISU in 2006.



Rusty Ruth of Yankton, S.D. has joined Lincoln Trail College the Director of Theatre.

Ruth earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of South Dakota in 2006. He earned his Master of Fine Arts with a Directing Emphasis from Minnesota State University in 2014.

Prior to coming to Lincoln Trail College, Ruth was the Director of Theatre at Mount Marty College and served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Minnesota State University.

While at Mount Marty College, Ruth directed *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Story of Evangeline* and *Boeing Boeing*. Other directing credits include *November*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Free To Be You and Me* and *Hedwig and the Angry Itch*.

Ruth has acted in a number of productions. Some of his favorite roles include "Michael" in *God of Carnage* and "Shawn Keogh" in *Playboy of the Western World*.

## BROWN BAG LUNCHES RETURN

Lincoln Trail College will resume its Brown Bag Lunch series Sept. 18 at noon at the Lincoln Trail College Cafeteria.

The lunches are open to the public. They're designed to give people a chance to learn about what's happening at Lincoln Trail College. When you attend the lunches, you can also give your feedback about the college.

"That feedback is very important to us," says LTC President Kathy Harris. "We really want to hear from the public so we can better meet the needs of the community."

The Sept. 18 lunch will focus on the new people and new programs at Lincoln Trail College.

You can eat at the cafeteria or you can bring in your own lunch.

"These are casual conversations, but they are very important. I'd really encourage you to attend and learn about the college and give us your opinion," says Harris.

October's Brown Bag Lunch will focus on the Performing Arts and is scheduled for Oct. 16. On Nov. 20, you can meet the men's and women's basketball teams. International students will be the focus of the Jan. 15 lunch and the Phi Theta Kappa program will be featured Feb. 19. The baseball, golf and softball teams will be highlighted March 18 and you can learn about Summer and Fall Classes April 15.



## NEW INSTRUCTORS REVITALIZE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Lincoln Trail College will help students build their futures with Construction Technology courses this fall.



Instructor Les Lake has over 40 years of experience in the building trades field and has owned his own business for 30 years. He specializes in new home and commercial construction and remodeling.

Lake says the Construction Technology program at Lincoln Trail College will start by giving students the basics like framing, tool recognition and usage and safety. As students continue through the program, they'll learn more things like basic wiring and finish work.

"By the time they're done, they could be ready to build their own home," says Lake.



Clint Crossen of Lawrenceville will also serve as an instructor for the program. He's been in the construction business for over 30 years. He's been a licensed home inspector in Illinois and Indiana for the last six years.

"I'm really looking forward to teaching in the program," says Crossen. "It's very fulfilling to take what I've learned and share it with them and see them benefit."

He says the program is perfect for people that like working with their hands. "I've always been the kind of person that if someone showed me how to do it, I'd never forget. I think that when you combine the hands-on learning and what you learn from the text books, you retain that knowledge at a much higher level."

Crossen says students in the program will be able to use their skills immediately. "You'll be able to take your skills to employers and you'll also be able to use this for projects at your home."

## LTC HOSTING CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Lincoln Trail College Music Department is pleased to announce its Fall Choral Festival September 19, 2015, co-sponsored by First Robinson Savings Bank.

Nearly 100 middle school and high school students from throughout the Wabash Valley were nominated by their directors to participate in the festival honor choirs.

During the day students will get the opportunity to sit under the direction of Dr. Karyl Carlson from Illinois State University and Dr. Brad Pierson from the University of Toledo.

At 7:00 p.m. the choirs will be joined by the Illinois State University Madrigal Singers to present a concert in the Lincoln Trail College Zwermann Arts Center. The evening concert is open to the public. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or by contacting the Performing Arts Office at (618) 544-8657 ext. 1433.

The Music Department serves Lincoln Trail College and the community at large through a variety of instructional and ensemble opportunities. For more information, visit [LTCPerformingArts.org](http://LTCPerformingArts.org).



## BASKETBALL TEAM HOLDING CLINIC

The Lincoln Trail College Men's Basketball team will host its fourth annual Basketball Clinic Sept. 26 from nine-to-noon.

LTC Coach Mike Ray, his coaching staff and the Statesmen basketball team will highlight the clinic. It will also feature former Hoosiers assistant coach and longtime Lawrenceville Indians head coach Ron Felling.

The Statesmen will demonstrate ball-handling, passing, shooting, rebounding, defense and footwork drills. Participants will also watch and assess zone full court pressure, traps, press-breakers, man-to-man principles, Louisville Cardinals defense, zone defenses, man offenses and quick hitters.

In addition to the drills, Coach Felling will discuss the fundamentals of shooting and answer any questions participants may have.

The final part of the clinic will feature a scrimmage with the Statesmen as they prepare for the upcoming season.

"This is a one of a kind clinic that you won't want to miss," says Ray. "We're opening the clinic to coaches at all levels and we're encouraging players to come to the clinic so they can see the intensity and effort it takes to play collegiate basketball. This is also a great opportunity for basketball junkies to learn more about the game."

The clinic is \$60 per team. The team package also includes an invitation to attend a LTC home game. A coaching staff costs \$50 while individual coaches are \$30. Basketball fans will pay \$25 for the clinic.

## FAN BUS FOR BASEBALL AT BUSCH

Lincoln Trail College alumni and Statesmen baseball fans can cruise to Busch Stadium in style to see the Statesmen face Lewis and Clark September 27.

The Statesmen baseball team is playing at Busch Stadium that day following the Cardinals' game against the Brewers. The Lincoln Trail College Alumni Association is sponsoring a chartered bus for fans.

The baseball team is selling ticket packages that include a ticket to the game and bus ride for \$50. Fans that want to purchase the package can contact Baseball Coach Kevin Bowers at 618-544-5299 ext. 1208.

Fans that already have their tickets and want to ride on the bus can get a bus ticket for \$10 by contacting the Business Office at LTC.

Fans that purchase tickets for the Baseball at Busch event get several perks in addition to the tickets for the Cardinals game and the Statesmen game. Fans will get a 2016 Cardinals magnet schedule and a free ticket voucher for a 2016 game. Children under four-feet tall will receive a free Six Flags ticket.



### October Schedules

#### Baseball

7	at Wabash Valley
8	Olney Central
10	vs. Kentuckiana Ironmen (at Vincennes) at Vincennes Univ.
14-17	Fall World Series

#### Softball

3	at SEMO Fall Tournament
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#### Volleyball

2-3	at Vincennes Tournament
7	Southwestern
12	at Frontier
14	Rend Lake
24	at Parkland/LLCC
26	at Vincennes Univ.
28	Kaskaskia
31	at Kankakee/ Kishwaukee

#### Men's Basketball

30	at Illinois Central
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